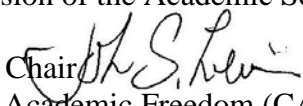


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COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

January 24, 2019

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

From: John S. Levin, Chair 
Committee on Academic Freedom (CAF)

Re: “Task Force on Universitywide Policing—Draft Executive Summary”

The Committee on Academic Freedom considered “Task Force on Universitywide Policing—Draft Executive Summary (no date),” distributed January 2, 2019. Although there was no direct connection of the “Draft Executive Summary” to the Committee on Academic Freedom, members did comment on the document. Several of these comments were aimed at strengthening the document’s clarity and some on policing policies. One area that was addressed was the role of police in free speech on UC campuses: that UC police are expected to have as one of their functions the protection of free speech; that policy should prevent the police from making retaliation arrests of individuals who exercise their free speech rights (e.g., whistle blowers or critics); and, third is the right of police officers to exercise free speech to the degree consistent with the First Amendment.

Another set of comments suggested greater clarity in the recommendations: that recommendation #8 was limited due to lack of criteria. In section B, there was no reference to the use of body cams for police, which should be mandated for all police. Recommendation #18 requires annual surveys (campus satisfaction survey), which are viewed as too frequent. Recommendation #20 is not clear on the content of the proposed “educational and awareness” classes for students, staff, and faculty.

Overall, it is difficult to judge an Executive summary report as an official document that pertains to policy. In future, such matters if they are moving toward final UC policy need to be placed in an appropriate policy format that notes the policy issue, the policy body participants, the process followed, and the date or dates.